State Monopoly of bus traffic.

15. Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur Rural).*—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(1) whether they have considered the desirability of making bus traffic a State monopoly;

(2) if so, what will be the commercial position of the same;

(3) if not, will they take the matter in hand as early as possible?

Mr. A. L. Devassy *(Commissioner of Police).*—(1) No.

(2) No answer necessary in view of answer to sub-division (1).

(3) The Government will bear in mind the suggestion contained in the question.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—What should the Government bear in mind and how long do they propose to bear in mind?

Mr. President.—Everything proposed by the Hon'ble Member will be borne in mind.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is it for obliteration or is it for bearing fruit?

Grant-in-aid—Chalakkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club.

16. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether any grant was given to the Chalakkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club as per answer to Question 297 in the Meenam Session of 1112?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—No. The formal application for recognition of the Reading Club has not been received.

Injustice to Catholics—Higher Services of the Education Department.

17. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to a series of articles in the 'Malabar Mail', dated

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31st Chingam 1113, 8th Kanni 1113, etc., on the glaring injustice done to the Catholics in the higher services of the Education Department?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Yes. My attention was drawn to a few articles in the 'Malabar Mail' stating that some injustice is done to Catholics in the higher services of the Education Department.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Is it a fact?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—It is not a fact.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—How many Catholic Headmasters are there?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—There are none at present.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—Does the Hon'ble Member consider that it is equitable?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—I don't think that there is any rule to the effect that there should be a Roman Catholic Headmaster or a Romo Syrian or a Nayar Headmaster, or anything like that. It all depends upon the time at which a person enters service. There was a time when there were Brahmins only in the teaching profession.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi).*—I did not want to speak anything. But your answer compelled me to speak.

Classes with the strength of 45 or more.

18. **Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar** *(Urakam).*—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of classes in which the strength is 45 or more in the schools of the State this year?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—682.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Sir, 682 is a big number. Are not these classes mainly in aided schools?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—The majority are in aided schools.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Urakam).*—Is there not a real complaint that there is not sufficient room for these

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